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ALMY'S  
Supreme  
Dahlias

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SEEDLINGS,  
CHOICE NOVELTIES  
and VARIETIES  
of Unusual Merit from  
East and West



F. W. C. ALMY

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TIVERTON, R. I.



# Almy's Supreme Dahlias

It is with pleasure I submit my Annual Catalogue of Dahlias for 1936. I wish to call particular attention to my seedlings listed within, also to my Green Plants described in the back of this catalogue.

Thanking my many customers for their patronage and kind letters of appreciation.

Sincerely,

F. W. C. ALMY.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**I. D.—Informal Decorative**

**S. C.—Semi Cactus**

**C.—Cactus**

**P.—Peony**

**F. D.—Decorative**

(Descriptions are in Most Cases the  
Originators)

## TERMS

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## DISCOUNT

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# Our Introductions

## For 1936

**CREAM OF GOLD.** I. D. A particularly robust grower that keeps soft and produces large blooms the entire season. It is a delicate, creamy gold in color that neither fades or burns, and of large exhibition size till frost, with an always tight center. The stems are absolutely perfect, 3 to 4 feet long, stiff as canes and carry the giant blooms facing up, or very near it, and neck is always strong. Height 5 feet. One of the best of my 1936 introductions. **Div. \$10; Plants \$5.**

**GOLDEN MONARCH.** I. D. (Almy-Viana). A giant dahlia from Africa that will produce as many huge blooms as any variety I know. The flower consists of extremely long and broad petals sharply pointed and with a very high full center, giving it great depth, as well as diameter, and is easily in the Largest Bloom class, and maintains its great size all season. A remarkably prolific bloomer and cane stiff stems (always) from 2 to 3 feet long. Color is a beautiful deep gold with orange buff suffusion. A particularly rich and glowing color. Have frequently seen two **10 inch** blooms on one stem—not side by side, but one above the other and touching. A habit I never saw in any other dahlia. Plants 3 feet and so sturdy they need no stakes. Highly commended at Ga. Trial Grounds for “huge Ex. blooms”. Also at Flemingsburg Gardens where it was ranked close to Lord of Autumn for size and quality of bloom. **Div. \$10; Plants \$4.**

**GIANT DEVIL DOG.** I. D. (Almy-Ambrose). A bold, dashing flower, a giant in size and a **headlight** in the garden. It is a striking red in color and the originator claims will grow with M. Masterpiece in size. The plant is as sturdy as a tree and grows to 6 feet in height with the immense blooms carried well above the bush on cane stiff stems, 3 feet long, that holds them **facing up** or at a

slight angle. A perfect stem, a giant bloom, a plant of splendid vigor and a beautiful color. I consider this one of my very best introductions for 1936. **Div. \$10; Plants \$5.**

**JUMBO SATAN.** I. D. This is a **giant dahlia** in every respect. The bush will **average 8 to 9 feet** tall and **6 feet** across and should be planted at least 5 feet apart. The foliage is a deep green, with almost black stems, and the leaves are so leathery it is absolutely pest proof. The immense blooms are carried **above** the bush, frequently 10 feet from the ground, on stems like broom handles and I have cut blooms October 16th (from plants in bloom since July) that measured over 10 inches and on **6 foot** stems almost stiff enough for fishing poles. The color is a rich **dark** red (with center slightly darker) and the reverse of the tight center petals suffused a pearly white, and there are also scattered petaloids inside the wide main petals, that are the same color, making a beautiful and very striking effect; and combined with the giant size of both plant, bloom and stem, make it the most spectacular dahlia in my Gardens. It is also the best keeper I ever grew. After September 1st blooms will keep a **week, cut**, and up to three weeks on the plant. First blooms **face up**, and the stems are leafless for **18 to 24 inches** and as large, **at the neck**, as a medium size fountain pen. Later blooms face at a slight angle but always rigidly erect. **No** weak stems or necks at any time. **Strong divisions \$15, net; Plants \$7.**

**ROSE OF HEAVEN.** I. D. I was induced to so name this dahlia by the repeated expressions of visitors — "Oh what a **heavenly** color." It is a pure rose in color, different in shade from any dahlia out, and hasn't a particle of lavender. This is another plant of extreme vigor (first leaves grew to **10 inches by 13 inches** actual measure) and keeps green and soft all season and is a prolific bloomer of extra size flowers, that keep well as cut flowers (as do all of my 1936 introductions). Stems are long and stiff and carry flowers at a proper angle, many facing up. The color is superb but will fade slightly in extremely hot weather, unless protected from the sun, as do most dahlias of this color. **Div. \$10; Plants \$3.50.**



**SUPREME LOVELINESS.** I. D. As its name implies, this is a flower of exquisite beauty—one of the most beautiful I grow and a great favorite as a cut flower with the ladies. It is a combination of soft pastel shades of gold pink and salmon. Not an immense bloom but will grow to 10 inches on perfect stems—2 to 3 feet long—that hold the flowers **facing up**. Plants about 4 feet, a robust grower, with dark green, leatherly foliage, and is a prolific bloomer. An addition to any collection. **Div. \$10; Plants \$3.50.**

### **Our Previous Introductions**

**BARBARA BRIGHTMAN.** I. D. (Almy-Dr. Crooks). A magnificent dahlia of very large size and beautiful formation. Plant very robust, 6 feet in height and blooms carried on cane like stems 3 feet and even 4 feet in length. Very prolific and holds size and center all the season. Color a buff, contrasting beautifully with the dark green leathery foliage. One of the most delicately beautiful and popular in our gardens and named for my little granddaughter. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

**EXQUISITE.** S. C. Petals are quite long and pointed. This, as its name indicates, is a flower of exquisite beauty and charm. A delicate lemon yellow, shading to cream at tips of petals, with a very slight pink diffusion which, with its long, twisting and sharply pointed petals, makes a flower of rare charm and beauty. It is a strong grower, always and very long, cane stiff stems. Blooms not immense, but of good exhibition size. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**LORD OF AUTUMN.** (For 1936). Is still the peer of all dahlias yet produced. When grown from true stock, no yellow so far introduced can compare with it and, in my opinion, no dahlia of **any** color is its equal in all round perfection, when you consider its giant size, beautiful color, lovely and artistic formation and magnificent stems. In addition, it is a grand root maker and a fine propagator and roots always keep. It is the nearest a 100% dahlia I have ever grown. **It has been awarded more class and sweepstakes prizes the past two years than any dahlia ever known in same length of time.** Including, First for Largest and Most Perfect Bloom in







more than a dozen Major Shows, Champion Bloom at Chicago, first at Flemingsburg Trial Gardens, President's Cup at several shows, etc., etc. Also placed at the head of all previous introductions by Derrill W. Hart. Still considered by Mr. J. A. Kemp the peer of all yellows and who says, "**A well grown bloom of Lord of Autumn is almost unbeatable in the show room.**"

An Illinois grower writes:  
Almy's Dahlia Gardens,  
Box D,  
Tiverton, R. I.  
Dear Sirs:

I just know and feel that you will be interested in learning of the splendid success I had last fall with your wonderful introduction, Lord of Autumn. I, like thousands of others are positive in our opinions, that to present date, there has been no dahlia, irrespective of color or variety, that can be compared, in every respect, with Lord of Autumn.

At our one big show held here (Chicago) last fall, Lord of Autumn, exhibited by me, was named show champion. Again in a vase of three L. of A.'s a blue ribbon was also awarded. At the Garfield Park Dahlia Show it again excelled itself with several blues.

Needless to say it will be again in my cloth house. Of over 1000 visitors to my cloth house last fall 95 per cent picked L. of A. as their favorite in competition with such as: Murphy's Masterpiece, Amelia Earhart, Man O'War, Frau Bracht, Cavalcade, Hill Nugget, Monmorith Queen and several dozen others.

A Toronto, Can., grower writes: "I grew Lord of Autumn **15 inches in diameter, without disbudding.**" And sent me a photo of it on the plant.

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**Our stock** was, positively, **better than ever in 1935.** Grown by a customer in Massachusetts 15½ inches (larger than ever before) without forcing or dis-branching; grown in hot Kentucky 13 inches by 8 inches without any forcing. A New Jersey customer sold blooms of it for **\$4 per dozen** to florists. What other dahlia blooms ever brought such prices.

Here, at home, we had **thousands** of giant extra exhibition blooms, including a 12½ inch bloom picked **Oct. 5**, from an early plant, **not even disbudded** and that had absolutely no fertilizer of any kind except one handful of bone meal at planting time. Picked 11½ inch blooms **October 12**, from plant in **constant bloom since early July**, and still with perfect center and back and on 4 foot stems. The long growing season has given us some of the grandest clumps we ever raised. Dug **field grown clumps**, (with no fertilizer of any kind except one handful of bone at first hoeing) that, actually, **would not enter the top of a flaring bushel basket** without twisting and cramping the roots. **It pays** to get your stock **where it has never been overpropagated**. We are offering stock from these grand clumps, full of pep and vitality, for **strong Div. \$5 each, 3 for \$12; Plants \$2 each, 3 for \$5**.

**Better order early as we returned orders for over 60 divisions last Spring.**

**ROYAL GLORY.** I. D. A bloom of exhibition size but very difficult to describe. It is an extremely rich and brilliant scarlet maroon with violet shadings at the tips and a slight purple suffusion over all. A truly royal flower, whose formation is equally as beautiful as its color and almost equally as hard to picture. The pointed petals incurve slightly at the extreme tips, making a very odd and beautiful pattern. The foliage is a black green which sets off the gorgeous blossoms to fine advantage. The stems are long and rigid, and hold the bloom above the plant. **Div. \$1.00; Plants \$1.00.**

**"SALLY B".** I. D. The most beautiful pink dahlia it has been my pleasure to grow, or see, and there are many grand pinks. A seedling of Kathleen Norris, it has the same long, black, rigid stem, but is even larger in diameter, though perhaps not quite as deep. Slightly lighter in color, it is a lovely shell pink throughout which does not fade or burn. It is a very prolific producer of giant blooms, with center always closed. Grown over 11 inches in Tacoma. "Best dahlia I ever got from the East." California grower. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**



**SUPREME GLORY.** I. D. On the Honor Roll and the most prolific large dahlia grown. **Fifty-two** blooms and buds showing color have been counted on a single plant at one time, several over 9 inches, and it has been grown to 11½ inches without forcing. Six to ten 10-inch blooms on a plant at one time are common. Grows about 5 feet tall and throws up a very unusual number of flower stalks with rigid stems two to three feet long. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**SUPREME MONARCH.** I. D. An immense, deep, brilliant red with a reverse of pearly white — always — which shows on face as petals twist slightly. Will average **larger than Elite Glory** (its seed parent), and much more prolific, and more beautiful in formation. The giant blooms are held erect, and facing on stems, like cane, that are 2 to 3 feet tall. Mentioned as one of the outstanding varieties at Bronx Botanical Gardens 1935. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

## **Introductions From Other Growers**

**ADIRONDACK SUNSET.** I. D. ("Cackener-Parkway"). The most spectacular dahlia ever introduced—on the 1935 Honor Roll. Color a vivid scarlet, shading to a bright canary yellow at base. The petals are long and broad, and form a high tight center, showing the deep gold reverse of petals. The outer petals wave and twist near the tips, to further enhance its beauty. The three distinct colors blending in a most harmonious manner, give the large flowers its striking sunset colors. The plant averages six feet in height, is a strong robust grower, a very free and constant bloomer, that needs very little disbudding to attain large size. The blooms are held facing sideways on long stiff cane-like stems, well above the large thick insect resistant foliage. Over 50,000 persons visited the dahlia gardens of the New York Botanical Gardens at Bronx Park, New York City, during September and October, 1934, to view the more than 1600 dahlia plants of over 400 leading varieties, grown for exhibition purposes. Adirondack Sunset easily won, as the most outstanding dahlia in the gardens. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

**AMERICA'S SWEETHEART.** I. D. Another great yellow of 1935 introduction. Similar to Lord of Autumn in size and type of bloom. Formation is different as this has staghorn petals. Stems stiff and long. A grand Dahlia and great Prize Winner in 1935. On Honor Roll. **Div. \$10; Plants \$4.**

**ARELDA LLOYD.** I. D. This sport of the celebrated Jane Cowl lived up to our description in every way the past season and nothing but the highest praise has come from those that grew it. The Mid-West Dahlia News comments on this variety, in comparing it with another sport of Jane Cowl exhibited at the Minnesota Dahlia Show. "‘Arela Lloyd’ is more yellow. ‘Arela Lloyd’ bids fair to be as good as her parent, ‘Jane Cowl.’" The best way to describe this Dahlia is to say it is just like Jane Cowl in habits in every way except color. It is described in the Trial Garden report as follows: "A deep soft shade of yellow with a slight flush of pink on ends of petals, reverse a clear yellow with pink veining." The stems and habits are all that could be desired. If you liked that grand Dahlia Jane Cowl, you will like this one better which is a sport of Jane Cowl. Field grown stock guaranteed to make good. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

**ANGELO ROSSI.** (Redfern). Informal decorative. Color vivid gold, outer petals flushed a deeper shade of salmon-gold. Flower very large and deep, stem strong, foliage good, bush very sturdy and attractive. Won first prize as a seedling when His Honor, Angelo Rossi, Mayor of the City of San Francisco, gave it his name. Again won first prize as the best 3-year-old at the California Flower Festival in 1934; received the handsome trophy of President Zamorra of the Republic of Spain. In 1935 at The Dahlia Society of Southern California show Angelo Rossi was in the blue ribbon collections of—The 12 Best Decorative Dahlias and—The 12 Best Blooms of Dahlias originated in California. **Div. \$7.50; Plants \$3.**

**BING CROSBY.** I. D. (Stephenson). Color golden yellow penciled with carmine. A seedling of La Fiesta, carrying the same general tones but the colors are deeper and more pronounced. The flower is larger and much

deeper, with a high center; the stem is perfect, carrying the bloom erect, and facing you. The foliage is five leaved, insect resistant, and a brilliant shade of green. Achievement Medal winner at the Los Angeles Show, 1934. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

**BLACK KNIGHT.** I. D. (Kemp). We are unable to find a color in Ridgeway's color chart that matches the color of this giant dahlia. The nearest we can come to it is dark velvety maroon, almost black. The flowers are of great size, often up to 14 inches in diameter, and are held high above the foliage on thick stiff stems. Plant is a very strong grower, attaining to a height of 6 to 7 feet, wide spreading and prolific of bloom, from early season until frost. A spectacular dahlia of unusual interest and attracted as much attention in our garden the past season as any dahlia among the dozens we had on trial. **Strong divisions \$5; Plants \$2.**

**BOSPHORUS.** I. D. (Ballay). Deep burnt orange or golden brown. A fine, large, well shaped flower in a color that is new in our experience. It is a dark flower, almost as deep in the orange tone in the body of the flower as maroon is to red, but shades to a lighter orange at the edges of the petals. We recommend this Dahlia on its color, but it is charming and satisfactory in all respects. It will have a long straight stem and will be immensely attractive when cut. Certificate of Merit at Storrs. **Plants only, \$4.**

**CENTURY OF PROGRESS.** On 1935 Roll of Honnor. Formal Decorative. (B. & B. Gardens). A 1934 introduction that was withdrawn for lack of stock. The royal purple of all time. Cut on Sunday and to church, shown at Port Huron show 21-22 following, to church again and in fair condition on Monday, nine days in all—without fertilizer 10-13 inches. Grand in our gardens 1935. **Div. \$7.50; Plants \$2.50.**

**CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT.** I. D. Another giant 1935 introduction. Bloom of tremendous size, a rich red with long wavy and twisting petals. On Honor Roll. Prize Winner. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

**CHATAUQUA REGAL.** F. D. A very large, rich red with gold on reverse and edges of the



petals. A very sturdy grower of about 3 feet with cane-like stems. Prolific and a fine keeper. A fine novelty. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND.** I. D. Honor Roll last year. Bush 4 feet; flowers large, light red in color on long, stiff stems. **Div. \$3.75. Plants \$1.50.**

**CALIFORNIA IDOL.** I. D. (Ballay). Clear bright self-colored yellow. In size it ranks with the very largest, growing to 14 inches or more, has corresponding depth, and yet is an extremely refined flower in every sense. It won the American Home Achievement Medal at Boston and the Dahlia Society of California's Gold Medal at San Francisco as the Best Undisseminated Three-Year-Old. Has the capacity to win as the Largest Dahlia or Best Dahlia in the leading shows. Included in the American Home's list of "Dahlias of Distinction in 1935," and also in Mr. Derril W. Hart's Dahlia Review. It was one of the outstanding varieties at Storrs. **Div. \$10; Plants \$4.**

**CALIFORNIA ROSE.** I. D. (Ballay). Clear bright rose. Exquisite coloring, large, tall-growing, describe in a few words the salient features of this unusually satisfactory new Dahlia. California Rose is also included in Mr. Hart's 1934 Dahlia Review. We quote Mr. Hart's statement: "One of the most beautiful of the novelties. A bright salmon rose and a particularly beautiful flower for cutting. It was the best keeper I had on trial this year. Flower large, but extremely graceful." **Plants only, \$4.**

**CLARA CARDER.** Dec. One of the greatest pink decorative dahlias we have ever grown. Its formation is on the border line between formal and informal decorative, and is in a color class by itself, it being a beautiful shade of clear Cyclamen pink, the only dahlia we know of this color. The absolutely perfect stems makes this dahlia ideal for staging in the shows, and for decorative purposes. The blooms are produced in the greatest profusion from early season until cut down by frost, and can be grown to 10 to 12 inches without forcing. Plant is a vigorous grower, medium in height (4 to 4½ feet) wide spreading and many branched, each branch producing a great bloom without special disbudding



or disbranching. We predict a great future for this exceptional dahlia. First prize winner in the undisseminated seedling class at the 1935 Detroit and Michigan state shows. 1935 Honor Roll. **Div. each, \$10; Plants each, \$5.**

**DADDY KEMP.** I. D. (Kemp). In color it is rich purplish red, the flowers attain to an immense size, often 14 inches and over in diameter and 5 to 7 inches in depth. The plant is a rampant grower, many branched and tremendously prolific of bloom. It should be grown to not over four stalks to the plant to insure good stems, which are long, slender and the great size and weight of the blooms may cause them to be somewhat pendulous in unfavorable situations. Whatever fault it may have in stem, is more than offset by its great size and spectacular beauty. On Hart's 1934 Honor Roll. **Good strong divisions, each \$5; Plants, each \$2.50.**

**DAUGHTER OF VENUS.** I. D. to S. C. (Deland). Rosy mauve, center delicate orchid. Blooms 7" to 9" by 4 to 4½, grown naturally, on long stiff stems. Plant 5 to 6 feet. Splendid keeper and needs no spraying. Not shown in competition but highly commended by two **Vice Presidents** of A. D. S. Sensation at Mid-West Show. **Plants only, \$5.**

**DON JUAN.** S. C. (Ballay). Scarlet orange with a reverse of lighter orange. This is one of the truly spectacular varieties and in the "Giants of the Show Room" class. If you have a crown flower of Don Juan for the show you will be hard to beat. Later flowers will be very numerous and large but an occasional one may have a crook in the stem. This variety is a true semi-cactus with the center rows of petals rather broad and spreading, but with the outer rows decidedly rolled and well incurved. Color is just about as bright as it is possible for a color to be. It has brought favorable comment from those who have seen it growing, and from the exhibitor's point of view we consider it one of the most sensational of the year's introductions. Don't pass up this super-dahlia. **Plants only, \$4.**

**ELISSA LANDI.** F. D. A fine Honor Roll Dahlia and named for the actress. A truly beautiful Dahlia and a great favorite as a cut flower as well as Prize Winner. A lovely

shade of light orange—nearly orange buff—on splendid long stiff stems. **Div. \$2.50; Plants \$1.**

**FOREST FIRE.** I. D. One of the most spectacular 1935 Introductions. Blooms 10x6. Bush 5 feet. Color is lemon yellow, for one-third length of petals shades to rich scarlet toward the tips with yellow petaloids. Certificate at Storrs, Conn., (85.5) and at E. Lansing, Mich., (85). A grand novelty. Bush a very sturdy grower. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2, 3 for \$5.**

**GOOD WILL.** S. C. One of the finest and most spectacular dahlias in our gardens in 1934. Resembles Satan in formation (with long, spikey petals), it grew even larger with us and far more beautiful, a lovely cream yellow suffused a very delicate soft pink on stems 3 to 4 feet long. Last blooms as large and even more beautiful than the first. Very prolific. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

**GOLDEN STANDARD.** (Downs). C. 1935, ge, Bloom 9x5, Bush 4½ feet. We admired this dahlia when it won in the seedling class in Camden in 1933, as it is a warm buff shaded amber and gold. Very pleasing in form with full centers and evenly arranged petals. Bush is a good, open grower. Stem holds flower facing at right angles, which shows up well in the garden or when exhibited, although not easy to pack. Won as the best undisseminated Cactus in New York last season, and also won the President's Cup over all types in the undisseminated classes. **Plants only, \$2.**

**HUNT'S VELVET WONDER.** I. D. (Burnett). Received the only Award of Merit in the informal decorative class, at the New York Dahlia Show 1934. A "Roll of Honor" variety, having all the desirable and pleasing habits of other dahlia leaders. Striking foliage. Blooms up to 15 inches in diameter. Disease resistant. Deep burgundy red. The best new one we grew in 1935. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

**HOOSIER NIGHTS.** I. D. One of the blackest Dahlias grown. A medium sized flower on a tall (6 to 7 feet) bush; stems long and stiff. Petals slightly waved. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**



**JUDGE SAMUEL SEABURY.** I. D. Heliotrope shading to white. Winner Certificate of Merit 1934. Winner in American Dahlia Show, New York. Gold Medal for the Best New Jersey variety. Winner at Ho-Hokus at the Dahlia Society of New York and Bergen County Gardeners Society combined show—best undisseminated dahlia. Winner Gold Medal for the Best New Jersey variety. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

**J. K. ALEXANDER, JR.** I. D. One of the most **gigantic** blooms in Dahlias, being immense in diameter; extremely deep and very close petaled. Last season I weighed a **bloom** that went **over 1 lb.** A deep red with slight lines of gold on edges toward the tips. Stems long and cane-like and hold the giant blooms perfectly at all times. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

**KAY FRANCIS.** S. C. (Cordes). Color pale lemon yellow. Plant insect resistant and bears flowers in great profusion on long cane stems. Flowers will average from 8 to 11 inches. Achievement Medal winner at New York and Camden, N. J., Shows, 1934. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

**KITTY MAC.** I. D. (Kemp). Here is another sensational dahlia of exceptional merit. The color is a reddish purple (Petunia Purple). Flowers are 10 to 12 inches in diameter, and 6 to 7 inches in depth, and are held facing upward on stems as rigid as a cane. Flowers recurve toward the stem similar to the Lord of Autumn and America's Sweetheart. Plant 6 feet and over in height, foliage thick and leathery like toughness, making it practically immune to injury by sucking insects. This fine dahlia should be in every high class collection. 1935 Honor Roll. Stock quite limited. **Div. each, \$10; Plants \$5.**

**MARY RETZER.** (Retzer). A sport of Edna Ferber, S. C. Color, pink; size slightly larger than Edna Ferber. Grown successfully in many Mid-West gardens. **Div. \$10; Plants \$4.**

**MARY ELIZABETH REDFERN.** I. D. (Redfern). Color a delightful shade of orchid rose. A dahlia that has a universal appeal—very large deep flowers of fine and pleasing form held on very long strong stems. The flowers grow well above the bush. It has been a con-

sistent prize winner. It won first prize as a seedling; first prize as the best 3-year old at the Dahlia Society of California Show in 1933; 1st prize in arrangement entries in 1934 and 1935; 1st prize as the best bloom at one of our pre-show meetings in 1935 against a field of about 50 blooms; 1st prize as the Best Dahlia of California origin in the Open for All Division at our recent show. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

**MILTON J. CROSS.** I. D. (Johnson). Apricot peach with a bright golden face. Blooms easily, obtain a size of 12 inches across, 8 inches deep. Good grower. Winner of five medals, this year's including American Home Achievements Medals at New York, Burholme and Camden Shows. Center of attraction at the A. D. S. Show in New York. Undefeated. The New Champion. **Plants only, \$7.50.**

**MRS. J. K. ALEXANDER.** I D. Another giant yellow, nearly as large as Lord of Autumn and America's Sweetheart, but blooms not so deep. Petals extremely long and wavy. Stems long and stiff hold the flowers right but they are inclined to tip down something like Bashful Giant. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

**MRS. STANLEY R. PERRY.** S. C. Eleven and 12 inch blooms are common on this variety; has been grown to 15 inches; has a very long stiff stem that can be cut from 2 to 4 feet long making a fine exhibition and garden flower. Color is a deep orange, base of petals chrome yellow with a slight trace of carmine at tip of petals. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**NANNIE SINE.** I. D. For sheer, delicate beauty this dahlia is unsurpassed. An **extremely** delicate light pastel pink, shading almost to cream and with golden lights at center. A lovely blossom. Plant robust and up to 6 feet. Flowers of large extra size. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**NORMANDIE.** (Veile). The most beautiful formal pink Dahlia ever introduced. A silvery pink flower that grows 11 to 14 inches in diameter and is held well out of the lacy foliage on long, stiff stems. On Honor Roll. **Div. \$10 net; Plants \$5.**

**NORTH STAR.** S. C. (Ballay). Light yellow. If this Dahlia were finer petaled it would belong to that rare class of cactus called



straight. The regularly formed flower is at once suggestive of a star. Size and stem are good and it is another that will supply many good flowers until late in the season. Furthermore, it is a good keeper and we do not hesitate to recommend it as a very useful and beautiful cut flower. **Plants only, \$2.**

**"OAKLEIGH MONARCH".** (Hook) You are invited to grow this remarkable new Honor Roll Merit Dahlia in 1936. Our stock is limited—but we can assure you that the quality and future success of this introduction are unlimited. Take our word for it; order now and avoid any regret. Guaranteed 100%. Color: Bright cerise red. Size: 10 inches to 14 inches, normally. Foliage: Dark green; insect resisting. Stem: Strong—two to three feet long. Height: Six feet. Certificate Winner at East Lansing Trial Grounds, 1935. Grown, tested and approved by many Dahlia authorities and critics from coast to coast and reported by many as the best red ever introduced, bar none. Don't fail to grow this outstanding Dahlia. Be the first in your community to display it. You will thank us in 1936. **Div. \$10 net; Plants \$5.**

**PRIDE OF AMERICA.** S. C. (Nuneviller). Primrose yellow with pink on reverse of petals. Grown 11 inches and 10 inches deep. This is nearest to a 100% Dahlia that I have had the pleasure of seeing and predict it will be held the standard in the S. C. classes for years to come. The truest S. C. type with high full centers and the petals folding back to the stem, making it nearly globe shape. The huge flowers are displayed beautifully on perfect stems. An Honor Roll Dahlia. **Div. \$15; Plants \$5.**

**PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.** (Shattuck). This is a formal decorative that has a certificate of merit from Storrs. A Chinese red with fawn edge and cream reverse. The flowers are very large and deep going 9 inches without disbudding and holds its size all season. The blooms are held well above the foliage on good stiff stems. One of the best new ones we grew last year. Grand. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

**SAMARKAND.** I. D. (Redfern). Beautiful cerise rose colored flower. This large dahlia

is the exact replica of Bagdad except in its color. Instead of the flaming crimson of our world-famous Bagdad it is a beautiful deep cerise rose red. We predict that Samarkand will win as enviable a place in the hearts of dahlia enthusiasts as has Bagdad. **Plants only, \$4.**

**SEAL'S LADY OF SHALOTT.** Formerly Seal's Shalimar which we in courtesy re-named, as there is another beautiful Shalimar—a fine poinsetta red—being introduced in Michigan. Our informal decorative is of great beauty and has been tested in the East for the last two years by Mr. Derrill W. Hart, and won a place of Honor in his 1934 Review of New Dahlia Champions. A combination in color of gold blushed with apricot and bronze, with a center of bright gold which is perfect and closed. Can be easily grown 12 inches and with care, greater size, as the blooms are naturally very large. The stems are long and stiff and the plant large and tall. An early bloomer. **Div. \$7; Plants \$2.50.**

**SHALIMAR.** (B. & B. Gardens). The great poinsetta red everyone has been waiting for—the sensation at Detroit in 1933 and at the Mid-West show in 1934. "Public Preference Its Best Reference." Can easily be grown to 13-14 inches. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

**SHEKINAH.** (Redfern). 1936 Introduction. A perfectly formed shell pink semi-cactus dahlia. The exquisitely beautiful blooms are carried on long strong stems. The blooms average 10 inches in diameter and have great depth. Shekinah has been in competition three times and three times won first prize. 1. First prize as a seedling. 2. First prize in a large arrangement of pink dahlias, and 3, First prize as the Best Individual Bloom in the Show in the Open for All Division, in 1935, at the 20th Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of California at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The prize—the beautiful trophy of the City and County of San Francisco, the most coveted prize in the show. **Plants only, \$10.**

**SUSAN ANN GILBERT.** Min. Dec. A beautiful little Decorative of about two inches diameter. A pure snowy white, extremely prolific, with nice stiff, stems. An **ideal** cut flower variety. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**TOWER'S EMPIRE.** I. D. Honor Roll of 1934. An immense bloom of gold with amber shadings. Petals slightly twisted. Plant a very tall and robust grower with beautiful fine lacy foliage. One of the outstanding 1935 introductions and rated very high by Derrill W. Hart. Plants up to 8 feet in height. Blooms may be grown 12 to 15 inches in diameter. **Div. \$7; Plants \$2.50, 3 for \$6.**

**"WENOKA".** (Hulin). A huge formal decorative of Rosy Mauve and deep magenta, on long stiff stems. This is a dahlia that is a real pleasure to grow. The bush is ideal and absolutely free from insect attack. This is the Dahlia that caused such a sensation at East Lansing Trial Gardens, where it secured a certificate of merit with a score of 88, only one dahlia scoring higher. On the Honor Roll for this season; also mentioned in Dr. Howe's article in the December Flower Grower. "Wenoka" has been tried in five different locations and all report its wonderful performance. All stock is root grown, and of necessity quite limited. **Strong divisions \$10; Plants \$3, two \$5.**



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## Foreign Introductions

**ATHLETH.** I. D. Immense blooms held way above a 5 foot bush on extra long fine stems. Another hard color. A very delicate pinkish buff. Extra prolific. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**BALLEGRO'S GLORY.** I. D. A rich, brownish red with petals tipped and edged gold. Prolific and fine keeper. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**GORILLA.** I. D. A very large flower on long cane stems; very difficult to describe as there are tints of gold, light red, deep red, and maroon. General effect almost brown. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**ENTRUP'S TRIUMPH.** F. D. A giant bloom on long cane stem. A beautiful shade of light pink. Grand keeper. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**ALSO PLANTS** of Orange Lady, Pink Daily Mail, Major C. C. Messervy, Golden Age, Altmark, Rheinfischer, Entrup's Slhoenheit, Prachtkerl. **\$1 each.**



## Earlier Introductions

**AMELIA EARHART.** S. C. (Cordes Eastman). This variety is undoubtedly the champion exhibition flower of the year, and has made, I believe, the most impressive first-year show record of any dahlia, at any time. It is a very large and artistically formed combination of apricot-buff with primrose at the base of each petal, with tints and sometimes stripes of salmon. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**ANDREA ERICSON.** I. D. (F. & M.). Roll of Honor dahlia. A beautiful **pure** white, with broad, oval petals, pointed and slightly twisted at the tips. Blooms 9 to 12 inches. Stems long and straight. **Div. \$1.**

**BAGDAD.** I. D. (Redfern). An immense flower of flaming scarlet-red borne on long, stiff stems high above a tall, robust plant. **Div. \$1.**

**BUBBLES OF HILLCREST.** I. D. (Scott). The most unusual dahlia we have ever grown. Giant bloom. Color: An unusual shade of Magenta, as it cannot be found in Maerz and Paul. A **grand** and **striking** variety. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**



**CLARA BARTON.** I. D. (Salem Dahlia Gardens). An immense bloom facing slightly upwards on a long, straight stem, twelve inches to first set of leaves. Face of petals silvery orchid, reverse of petals deep lavender, general affect lavender. Bush growth medium height; a very prolific bloomer that never stunts. **Div. \$2.50; Plants \$1.25.**

**CHAMPOEG.** Dec. (Crites-Kemp). **The Dahlia Beautiful.** This wonderfully beautiful dahlia is so very unusual in its color that it is without a competitor. The color is waxy, canary yellow at center, shading to salmon pink. Flower is supported by strong, sturdy stems which hold it facing well above the bush. Flowers **average** 9 to 10 inches in width and 3½ inches deep. Very prolific bloomer. Plant about 5 feet. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**ELEANOR M. RADELL.** I. D. (Felsinger) Honor Roll, 1933. "Coral-pink, shading to deep rose center, appeals because of its really clean-cut beauty and its very fine growing habits."—Derrill W. Hart. A large flower on A-1 stem. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**ELEGANCE.** S. C. (Reed). Center and tips of petals yellow, body of flower glistening coral. We classify this variety as semi-cactus but it is not far removed from the true cactus type. Few dahlias have been so cordially received on their first appearance as this one and we consider it one of our very best varieties because of its unusual charm and beauty and because the great quantity of blooms it gives are useful for every purpose. It is a full, deep flower with ideal habits. On the 1933 American Home Roll of Honor. **Plants only, \$2.**

**EAGLE ROCK SUPERBA.** Dec. (Broomall-Success). Another one of Mr. Broomall's new origination that he considers one of his very best. Color a light amaranth. The originator considers it a better dahlia than Fantasy. It is about the same size and habits except in color. The stems are perfect and hold the large bloom erect. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**FULL MOON.** Dec. (Ballay-Success). A monster flower of canary yellow and a great winner. Winning Gold Medals as Best Dahlia of California origin, also Largest in the Show, at Boston. Grown to 14 inches. **Always facing up, on giant stems.** Also winner of many prizes as Best Yellow and even as Best Bloom. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

**GRANDEE.** I. D. (Reed). Light nopal red shaded orange yellow. Winner of the 1933 American Home Achievement Medal at San Francisco and Largest flower at the California Flower Festival. For great size we are inclined to think Grandee surpasses them all. We have had 15-inch blooms without forcing or shading on plants 4 feet tall. On Roll of Honor. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

**GOLDEN ECLIPSE.** A 1934 Introduction. Unquestionably the finest and most valuable dahlia of recent introduction. Also Certificate, Storrs, 1933. The color is clear golden yellow with slight blushes of salmon on some of the petals, shading to bright rich salmon in the center. The flowers average from 8 to 10

inches in diameter with a depth of five inches, on strong stems, which can be cut up to four feet long. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**GOLDEN HEART.** I. D. (Kemp). A giant plant, 8 to 9 feet, and many branches. The blooms are also immense, actually as large as dinner plates and on cane-like stems that can be cut 5 feet long if wanted. A prolific bloomer and not bothered by insect pest. A large stock enables us to quote a very low price. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**HILLCREST ROYALIST.** I. D. On the (December) American Home Magazine Honor Roll. Color: One shade of Indian Red with Clover reverse. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**INDIANA MOON.** I. D. (Martin). A gorgeous bloom of a pleasing combination of colors that is hard to describe. The trial grounds where it won a Certificate describes it as flesh ochre with lines of spinel pink. A fine exhibition bloom on an exceptionally long and stiff stem which holds the big blooms above a tall plant. On American Home Honor Roll. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**JANE COWL.** (Down's). This massive decorative has been, and still is, one of the greatest prize winners of all time. An immense flower, frequently 10½ inches across and **7 inches** deep, on cane stiff stems 3 to 4 feet long. **Div. 50¢.**

**JEAN TRIMBEE.** I. D. (Trimbee-Waite). This beautiful dahlia is a native of Canada and is yet scarce in the United States. Color is a rich petunia violet. Flowers immense (12 inches or more) and beautiful and graceful formation. **Div. \$1.**

**JAMES KIRBY.** (Badetty). Winner at A. D. Show, New York, as **best** 1932 Introduction. The stems are strong and well able to hold the heavy blooms at the proper angle. The average size of blooms grown under field conditions was from 8½ to 10 inches in diameter with a depth of 5½ to 6 inches. Color crimson, center darker. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**JEROME KERN.** I. D. (Verle & Mendham). Few dahlias have a more impressive show record, yet one of its best points is its extreme beauty and keeping qualities. A long-petaled, graceful flower of shrimp pink with tints of gold and bronze; reverse, bright old rose. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**JEWEL OF INDIA.** I. D. (Newsom). Without exception, the finest flower of its coloring we have ever originated. A huge, fluffy dahlia of great depth, in the "Largest Dahlia" Class, of richest glowing garnet, suffused maroon, held proudly erect on absolutely stiff, and exceedingly long stems. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**KATHLEEN NORRIS.** Dec. (F. & M.). Blooms are of gigantic proportions, a true rose-pink, later deepening to mallow pink. Broad overlapping petals with twisted ends, and center always full and on stems that hold it right up to be admired. **Div. \$1.**

**KAWEAH.** (Giant I. D.). (Meussdorffer). Color is hard to describe, a deep, clear, rose-cerise, center of petals shading to a rich, velvety cardinal toward the







center of the flower. Held perfectly erect on very long, extra strong, stiff stems. The **largest Dahlia ever produced, 16½ inches, 1932. Div. \$1.**

**"KING OF THE BLACKS."** (Krunzman). Formal decorative dahlia, very free-bloomings on long, stiff, natural stems without disbudding. Color is the darkest rich velvet red, almost black, and holds color in any weather. Bush is ideal; low and spreading, with flowers high above bush. On October 8th, 1933, at the New York Botanical Gardens, it had received the second largest number of votes as to desirability, among more than 1100 of the best dahlias grown there. **Div. \$2 each; Plants \$1.**

**LADY MOYRA PONSONBY.** I. D. A Canadian dahlia of huge size and winner of many prizes. Winning basket at Tocomá containing 15 inch blooms. A light golden yellow on cane stiff stems 3 feet or more in length. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**LA FIESTA.** I. D. (Cardes-Eastman). Won the Court of Honor Prize at Camden, N. J., also, as Best Informal Decorative Seedling at New York, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Show, and at Richmond, Va. Color, butter yellow penciled red. Blooms 12 by 8 inches. In appearance like a huge chrysanthemum. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**LAURENE STOCKWELL.** S. C. (Cordes). A flower of unusual beauty, a rich pink, with cream center, held erect on strong stems. A strong grower and insect resistant. Flowers up to 10 inches by 6 inches deep, with an always full center. Very attractive formation and a very popular variety. **Div. \$2.50; Plants \$1.**

**MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE.** I. D. A winner everywhere in the Largest and Best Bloom Class. The most magnificent, pure red, dahlia I ever grew or saw. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**MYRA HOWARD.** I. D. (Glutzbeck-Dahliadel). Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the A. D. S. Show in New York. Also winner as Best Buff or Orange, and for Best Ten Blooms, **any variety**, at Rockville Centre. The color is a glowing combination of saffron and gold, with tints of salmon. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**NANKING YELLOW.** S. C. (Newsom). A gorgeous flower that, we believe, is the largest, deepest, and most beautiful clear, light, creamy-yellow to date. Huge flowers (in the "Largest Dahlia" Class) of great substance, and so much depth as to crowd the outer petals back against the stems. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**ORIENTAL GLORY.** (Swartz). The color is cadmium orange overlaid with scarlet; center and reverse heavily shaded scarlet. No other dahlia with the beautiful color of Oriental Glory. Clumps very large, necks stiff. Insect resistant. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal for the best undisseminated seedling. First Prize for the best informal decorative seedling, World's Fair Dahlia Show, Chicago, September 16, 1933. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**PALO ALTO.** S. C. (Ballay-Success). This was one of the sensations of the 1933 and 1934 season. It is a finely formed, big flower of bright salmon and tan combination. This great exhibition flower will thrill all true dahlia lovers. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

**PRINCE OF PILSEN.** Dec. (Dr. Shattuck). One of the most Popular Dahlias in my garden. It is a flower of gigantic proportions. Color is rhodamine purple with silver reverse. The flower is deep and grows to eleven inches in diameter. Height of plant six to eight feet. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.**

**PRIDE OF WISCONSIN.** I. D. (Mrs. W. A. Delaporte). A modern, super dahlia that has been a sensation in Wisconsin for the past two years. American Beauty color, blooms being 10 inches and upward in diameter and from 4 to 5 inches in depth. Stems can be cut to a length of 3 feet. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**ROMANCE.** Dec. (Schling). An immense and wonderfully beautiful flower of rich, clear, pink, charmingly interblended with lighter pink. The flowers are deep, as well as very large and on long, cane-stiff stems. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**RUBY TAYLOR.** I. D. A monster bloom of ruby red to carmine. Stem O. K. A Certificate of Merit winner. One of the best in our gardens. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**SATAN.** S. C. (Ballay-Success). An immense flaming red cactus with touch of gold at the center. **Grown to over 13 inches** which is very remarkable for a cactus. No dahlia in the world, we believe, is more sensational and spectacular than this giant cactus, while its tightly rolled and horn like petals complete a formation that is very attractive. Winner of Best Flower at **both** San Francisco Shows. At New York it was runner up for largest dahlia, and **on both Eastern and Western Rolls of Honor** in 1931. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**SONNY BOY.** I. D. (Nuneviller). A giant old rose and absolutely the best in this shade. Grown up to 14 inches. Prolific bloomer on splendid stems. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**SULTAN OF HILLCREST.** F. D. (Scott). Very large and fine stems. Color: Strontian yellow with Sunrise yellow reverse. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**SOUTH POLE.** (Shattuck). A beautiful new white formal decorative with a light pink shade at the base of each petal. This is a beauty for a cut flower. Blooms are large and it keeps well. Stem is very good holding the flowers well above the foliage. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

**THE FIREMAN.** I. D. (Reed). This grand dahlia has made many friends the past three years not only in our home garden but in the American Dahlia Society official trial garden at Storrs, Conn., where it was awarded a Certificate of Merit in 1933. On the American Home Honor Roll. Mr. Derrill W. Hart, dahlia expert, describes it as follows: "This variety is a flashy cardinal red with golden flushes and golden tips at center of the flower." **Div. \$2.50; Plants \$1.**

**WHITE WONDER.** I. D. (Kemp). This sensational White Dahlia has giant blooms, (many of which are **11 to 12 inches** across by **8 to 9 inches in depth**), pure white, with long, pointed, twisted and curled petals, held erect on cane-like stems. Grows 5 to 6 feet. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

**WASHINGTON GIANT.** I. D. (Lee). Well named as the giant blooms are frequently 12 inches in diameter and deep. Blooms are lavender streaked silver and with silvery petaloids throughout. Fine growing habits and best of stems. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal, 1933. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

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